(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for improvement of slums in Andhra Pradesh

510. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to provide plans to accommodate slums which occupy 30 per cent in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide help and assistance in improving the slums in the State;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to provide assistant under various schemes for improving the slums in the State;

(d) if so, the total amount, so far, released to the State in improving the slums; and

(e) how much has, so far, been utilised by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) the Government of Andhra Pradesh has denied not having been able to provide plans to accommodate slums in Hyderabad.

(b) to (e) Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the Government is already providing assistance in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for improving the slums in the State. So far, Rs.11,807.89 lakhs (upto June, 2000) have been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this programme, out of which Rs. 6201.28 lakhs (upto June, 2000) has been utilised so far, as reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Conversion of leasehold into freehold

†511. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to convert the leasehold into freehold;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.